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TWO BLUE SPRINGS RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs man and woman were sentenced in federal court today for their participation in a conspiracy to possess pseudoephedrine, which is used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Jill S. Hanlin, 32, of Blue Springs, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to two years in federal prison without parole.

Michael D. Clemmons, 31, of Blue Springs, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to seven years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 17, 2003, **Hanlin** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. **Hanlin** was arrested on three separate occasions between Dec. 9, 1998, and Jan. 7, 2001, in possession of pseudoephedrine, Graves said. She admitted to purchasing the pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine, and to purchasing methamphetamine.

On Aug. 21, 2003, **Clemmons** pleaded guilty to manufacturing methamphetamine. **Clemmons** was arrested on Dec. 15, 2002, in possession of an operating clandestine methamphetamine laboratory, Graves said. **Clemmons** admitted to manufacturing methamphetamine on two separate occasions.

A third co-defendant, **Douglas S. Hoffman**, 32, of Blue Springs, pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to possess pseudoephedrine on Aug. 22, 2003, and awaits sentencing.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was

investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department, the Lee's Summit, Mo., Police Department, and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

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